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HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1007

Introduced by: Representatives Nelson, Greenfield, Johns, Kaiser, and Russell and Senator Tieszen

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring, commending, and thanking current and past patrolmen, troopers, members, and family members, upon the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

WHEREAS, patrolmen, troopers, motor carriers, and other members of the South Dakota Highway Patrol have put their lives on the line to serve South Dakotans with selfless dedication to our safety for seventy-five years; and

WHEREAS, numerous patrolmen, troopers, and motor carriers of the Highway Patrol have been injured serving and protecting South Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, generations of family members have made selfless sacrifices, worried over, and supported the members of our highway patrol with their love, prayers, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Patrolmen Bernard Benson and H.N. "Brownie" Russell, as well as Troopers Verlyn L. Mettler, Steven E. Hoffman, and Oren S. Hindman made the ultimate sacrifice, with their lives, for our safety; and

WHEREAS, without the sacrifices of the South Dakota Highway Patrol family's seventy-five years of dedicated service, South Dakota would not be the best place in the world to live and raise a family:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature honors, commends, and thanks all the members and family members of our South Dakota Highway Patrol, for their seventy-five years of commitment and service to the citizens of South Dakota.